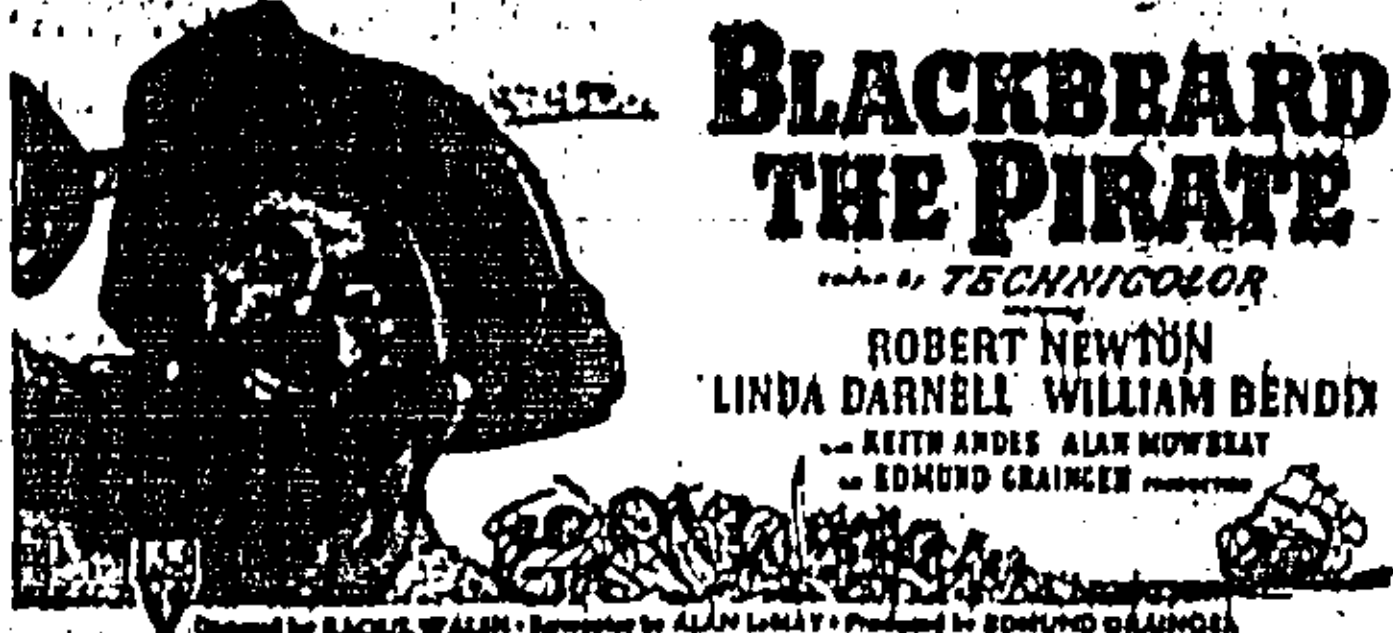
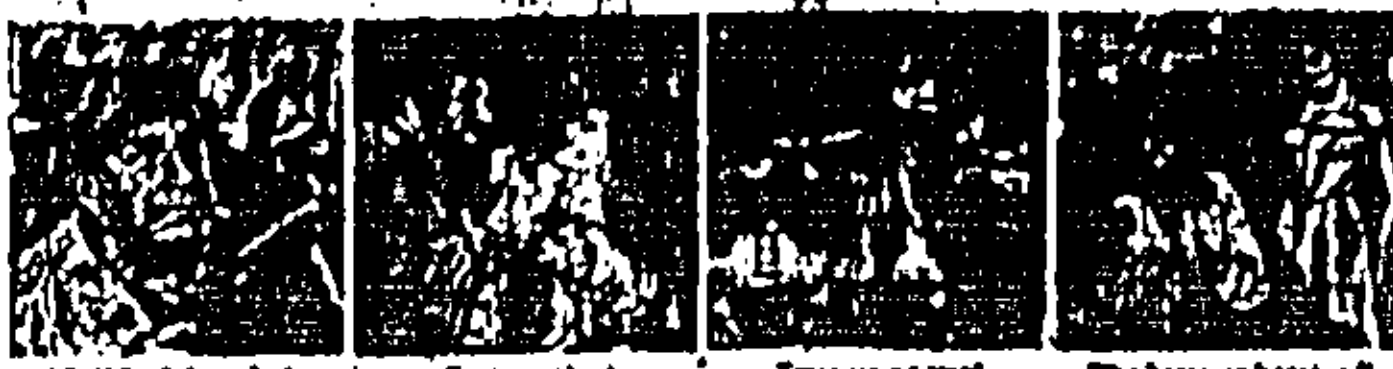
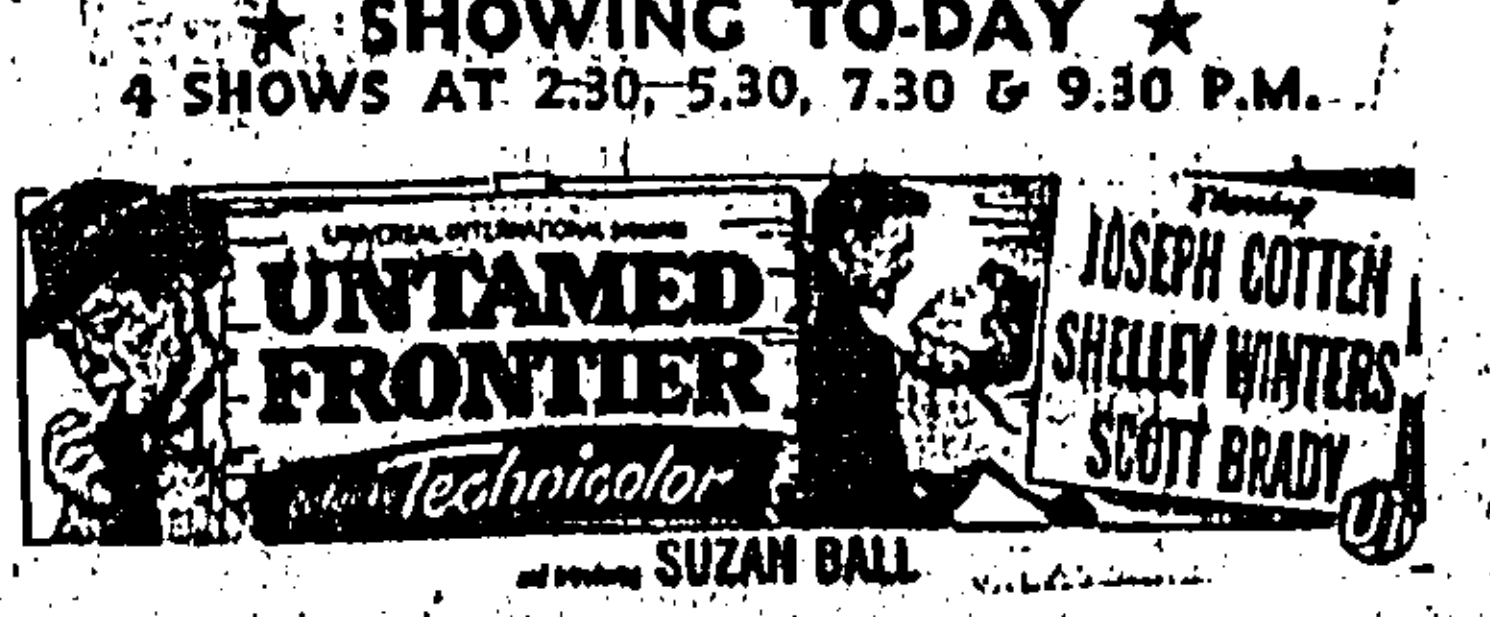


SHOWING TO-DAY **KING'S MANIFEST** AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.

The thunder of their plundering shook the earth, the sea...the sky!



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Bulls Not Up To Standard

Mexico, Dec. 28. The world's biggest bullfight, usually packed with a 50,000 crowd, was empty and silent today. The Federal authorities suspended the afternoon fight, citing that the bulls were under regulation weight. Fans have recently showed disapproval of the increasing number of small bulls.—Reuter.

Catholics' Day Of Prayer

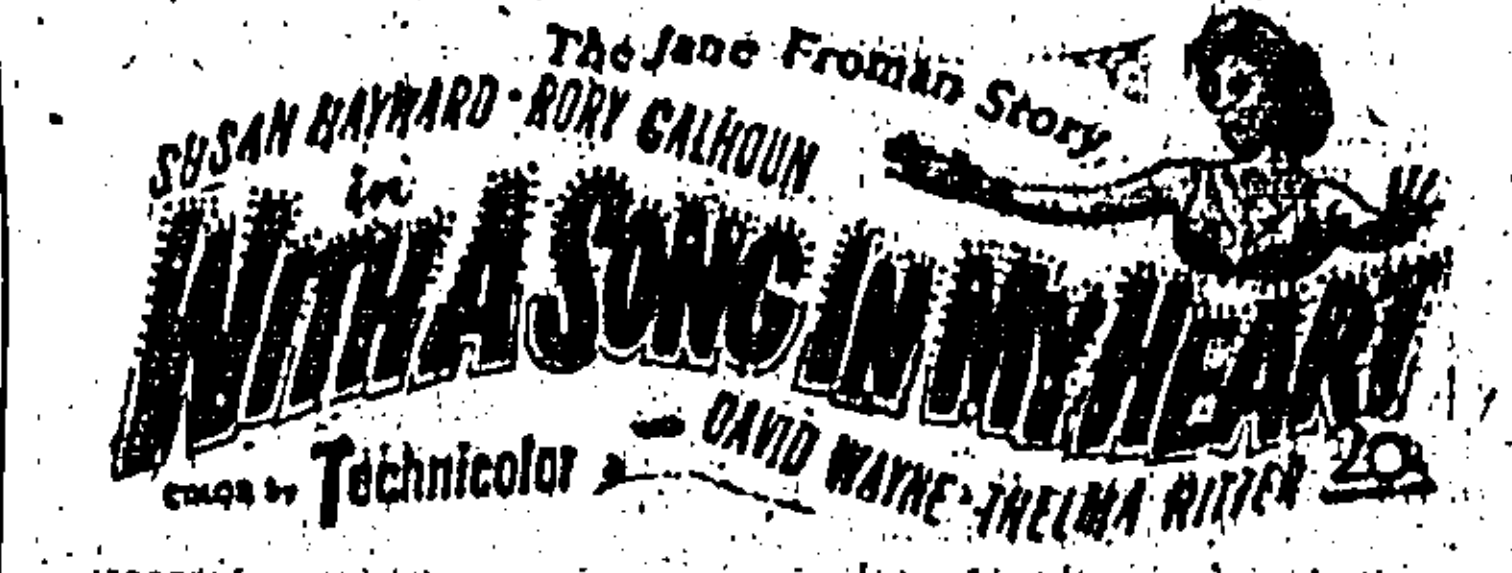
Washington, Dec. 28. Millions of Roman Catholics across the United States today observed a day of prayer for Protestants, Jews, Moslems, Mohammedans and others suffering and dying for their faith behind the Iron Curtain. The Most Reverend Patrick A. O'Boyle, Archbishop of Washington, called the Communist war on religion "unparalleled in history. More than 20,000,000 American Catholics observed the day of prayer, suggested by a Catholic of the United States at a meeting last month. "As Christians," Archbishop O'Boyle said at St. Matthew's Cathedral here, "we are charged to forgive our enemies, to pray for them that persecute us. With God's grace we do that but I do not think that we can say of the new enemies of Christ that they know not what they do. Let us make no mistake about it. There is nothing un-planned or haphazard about this Communist war upon religion."—United Press.

Toll Of Avalanches

Innsbruck, Dec. 28. An avalanche in the Austrian Alps claimed another victim yesterday, increasing this season's toll from the "white death" to 28.—Associated Press.



LAST 4 SHOWS TO-DAY ★ TO-DAY & TO-MORROW
Owing to Length of Picture Please Note Change of Times:
At 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 & 9.30 p.m.



Tito Entertains Greek General



Marshal Tito and his wife when they attended a reception in the Priddium of the National Assembly in Belgrade recently. In centre is Greek General Christos Ioannidis, leader of the Greek military delegation in Belgrade.—Express Photo.

Chinese Secret Societies Flourishing In Singapore

Singapore, Dec. 28. Chinese secret societies, with colourful names and criminal characteristics, still persist in Singapore after being banned by law for more than 60 years.

A police report stated that there are about 300 of these societies in the Colony. Three hundred draw their members from Hokkien and other clans originating in the Chinese province of Fukien, and the remainder are of Cantonese and Hainanese (Hainanese) origin. The report said that not all of these societies are really dangerous but it named 18 which it described as "troublesome".

These quarrels became a serious menace to peace and good order. A fight in Singapore between Cantonese and Hokkien societies in 1884, for example, lasted ten days and resulted in about 600 being killed and an equal number injured.

GANGS OF TOUGHS

From 1869 onward, legislation was passed in Singapore aimed first at controlling, and then at suppressing, the secret societies. But they have clung tenaciously to life.

The standing of the societies, even as illegal organizations, has heavily slumped in recent decades. When they were first banned over half a century ago, they still remained "respectable" among the Chinese and retained the membership of people of all social classes.

Today the societies are little more than gangs of toughs. They draw their membership almost entirely from the uneducated labouring classes, and their chief activity is extortion.

Through protection rackets, they fatten on coffee shops, small stores, hawkers, trishaw riders, prostitutes, pickpockets, opium dens, gambling houses and others.

EASIEST VICTIMS

Their easiest victims are those who are themselves outside the law, such as prostitutes and pickpockets, or people like coffee shop proprietors who are subject to many regulations affecting cleanliness and hygiene and who may be "protected" from the results of minor transgressions which the racketeers might otherwise report.

One of the few similarities between today's secret societies and their forbears is in the name. They are still as colourful, fanciful and typically Chinese as ever.

The authorities recently, for instance, have been following the activities of such societies as "The New Up With Righteousness," "The Upright and Just," "The Eight Dragons," "The Iron Dragon," "The Malayan Tiger" and "108". But practically all of the intricate and frightening ritual of the old societies has been dropped.

Initiates no longer swear horrible oaths in blood and, after watching a white cock killed, agree that "the unfaithful and disloyal shall perish like this cock."

The ritual has been dropped partly because it is just as illegal

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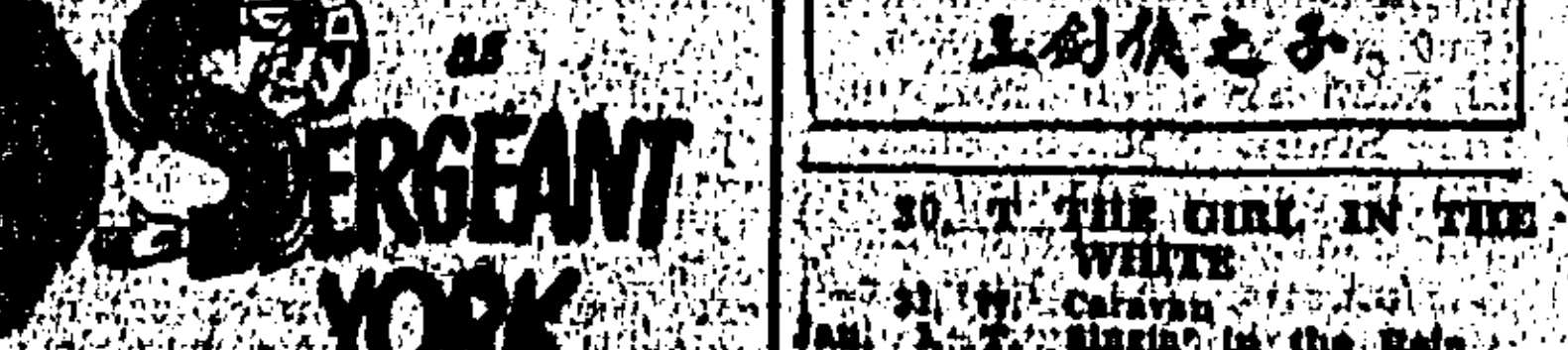
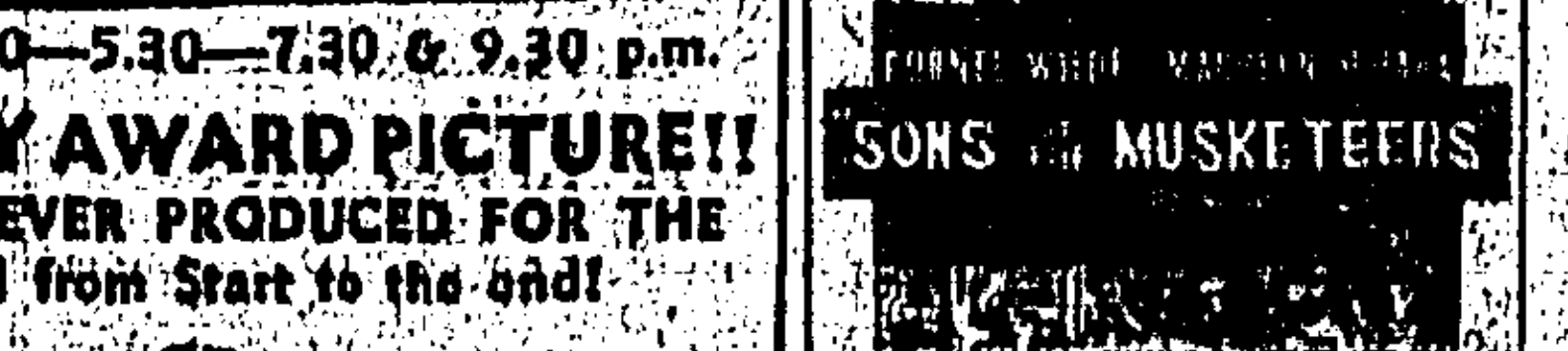
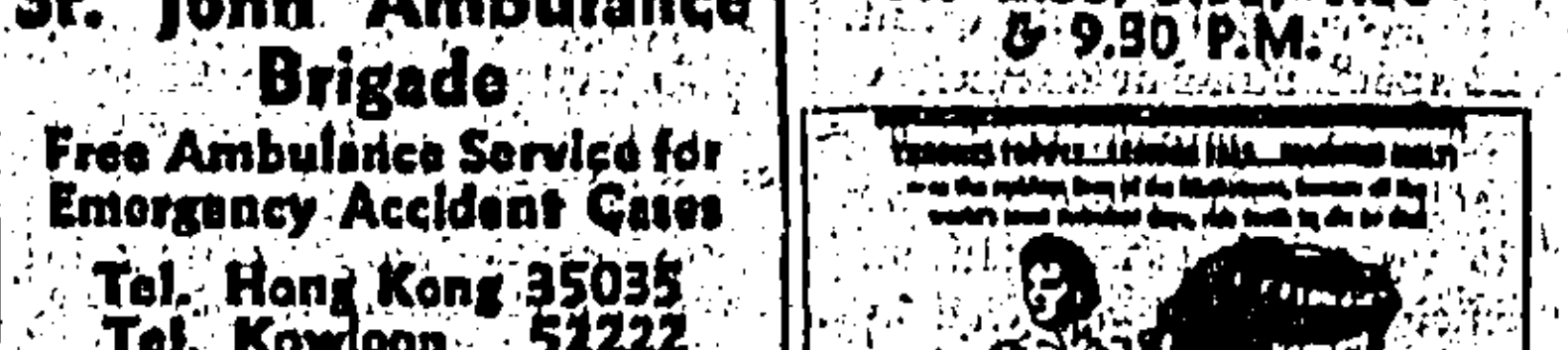


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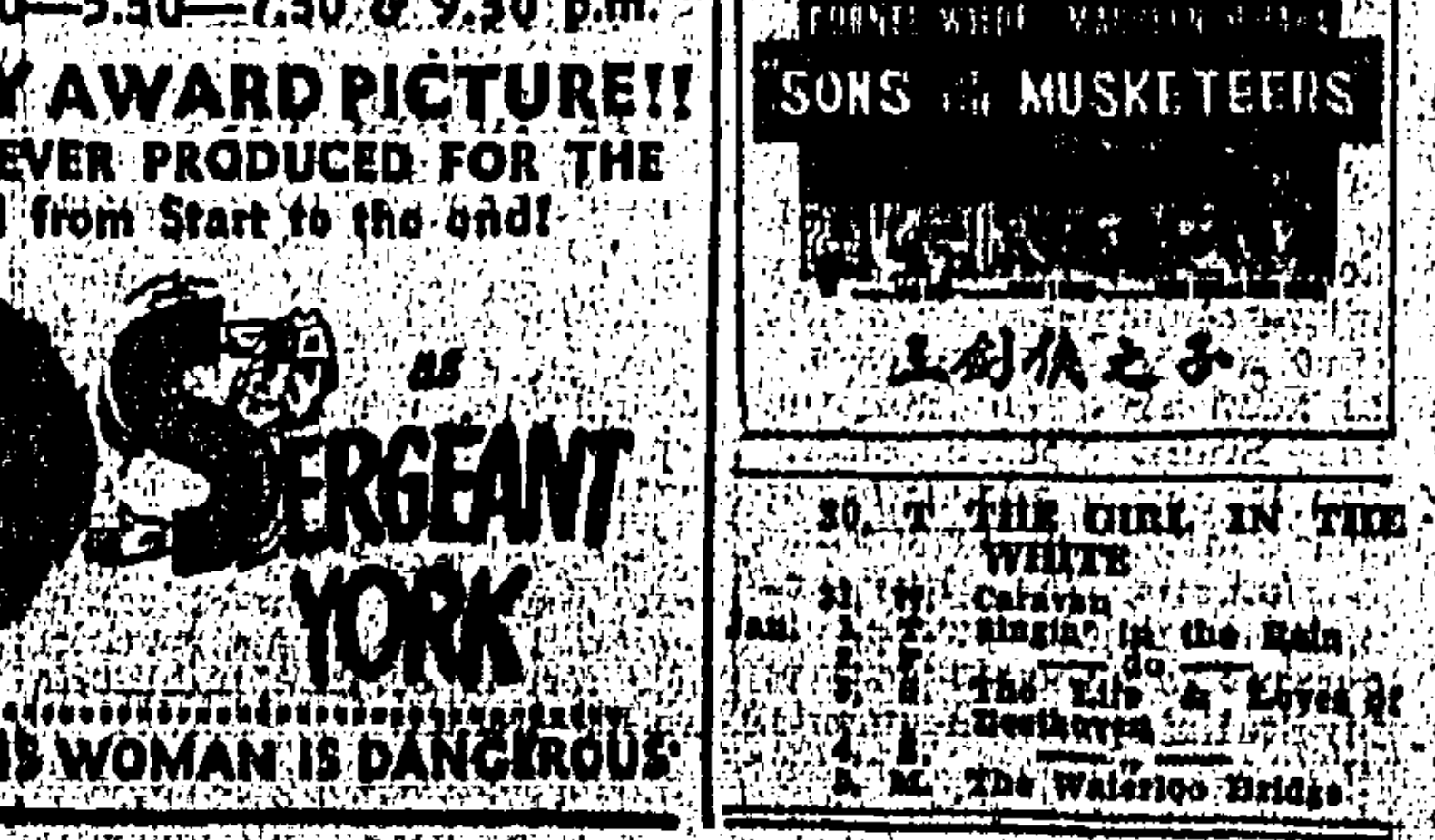


A Chinese Picture In Mandarin Dialogue

★ COMMENCING TO-MORROW ★



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Tunisian Nationalists Form Striking Force In Desert

Sequel To Probe By Grand Jury

Washington, Dec. 28. A House Committee has arranged public hearings next week on reports that the Justice Department tried to interfere with a Federal Grand Jury investigation of United Nations employees.

Three days of testimony will be taken, starting Monday, by a Judiciary Sub-Committee headed by Representative Frank Chelf (Democrat-Kentucky).

The group has already questioned some members of the Grand Jury behind closed doors. The jury, sitting in New York City, was looking into alleged Communist affiliations of some members of the United States staff at the U.N.

When it was disbanded on December 2, the Grand Jury recommended that a new Grand Jury be sworn in to continue the investigation. Reports then arose that Justice Department officials had sought to suppress its findings.

Grand Jurors are under oath to keep secret everything that goes on during their sessions but Committee counsel Robert A. Collier said they can possibly be required to ignore their oaths while under subpoena of a Congressional Committee.

We are just as much interested as the courts are in preserving secrecy of Grand Jurors," Mr. Collier told a reporter. "But we believe these jurors can tell us a lot without violating their oaths."

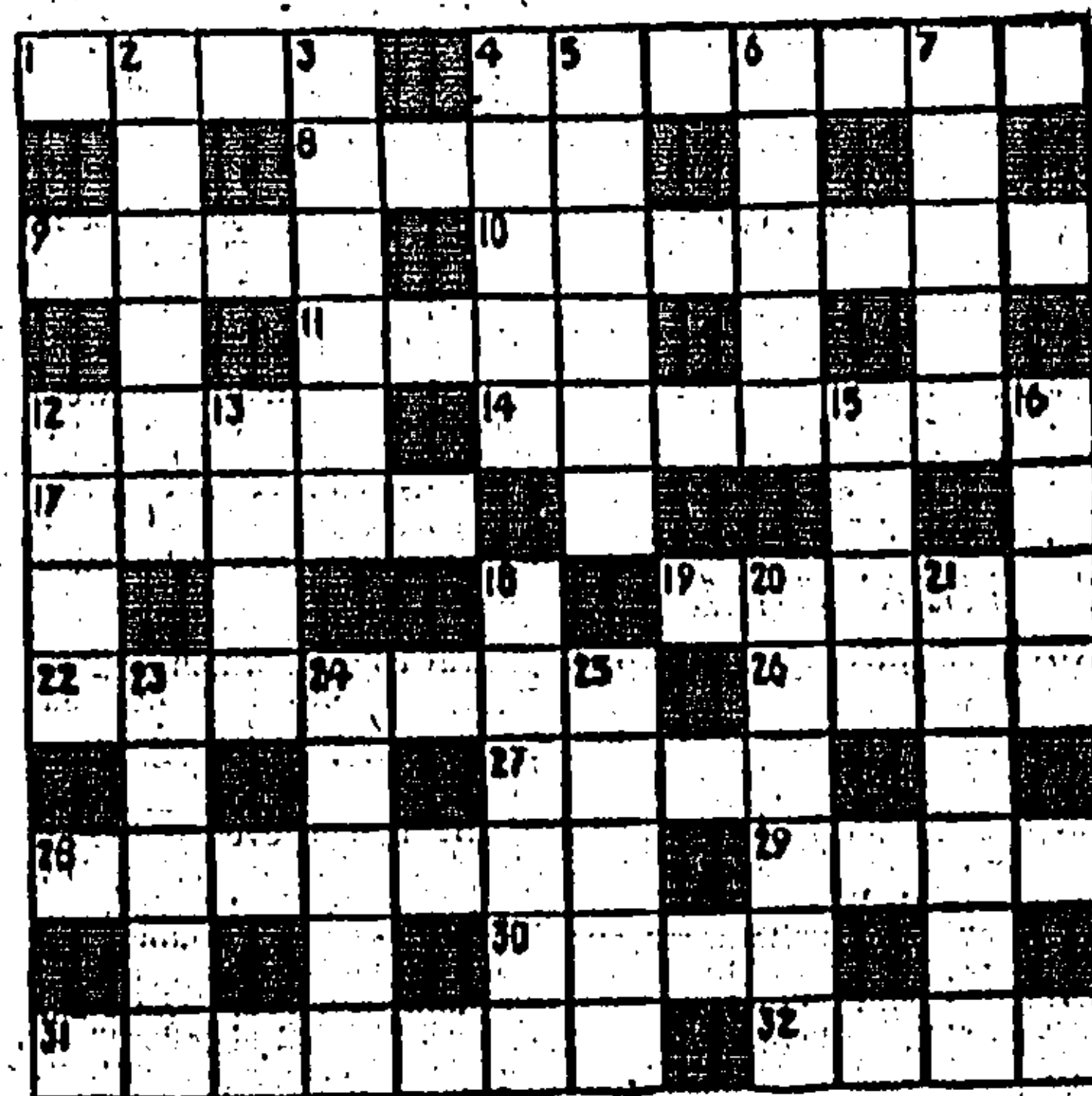
He said the Committee is more interested in what the jurors can tell about their relations with the Justice officials, than with the testimony they took.—Associated Press.

Buying Their Own Oil

Vienna, Dec. 28. The Soviet Oil Administration in Austria will sell the Austrian Government in 1953 more than a million tons of oil products, the Soviet Information Service announced.

The Soviet office said this should completely fill Austria's needs for oil products, according to the Government's claims. Austrian oil experts said today that this quantity was between one-half and one-third of the total extracted yearly by the Soviet authorities from the oil fields in Austria, which they confiscated as former German assets. The remainder is exported to the East.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Urges (4).
 - 4 Agriculturalist (7).
 - 8 Bonds (4).
 - 10 Ancient Peruvian (4).
 - 11 Draw (7).
 - 12 Trick (4).
 - 14 Low (4).
 - 15 Ornament (7).
 - 17 Dodge (5).
 - 19 Upright (5).
 - 21 Table support (7).
 - 22 Initiates (4).
 - 27 Objects (4).
 - 28 Narrative (7).
 - 30 Victim (4).
 - 31 Chaste (4).
 - 32 Make up (7).
 - 33 Uninteresting (4).
- DOWN**
- 2 Jovial (6).
 - 3 Looked fixedly (6).
 - 4 Spread (5).
 - 5 Behind (6).
 - 6 Nitwit (5).
 - 7 Frill (5).
 - 12 Chastise (4).
 - 13 Certain (4).
 - 14 Retain (4).
 - 15 Small children (4).
 - 16 Slumbers (7).
 - 18 Grated (6).
 - 20 Breakfast food (6).
 - 21 Proportion (5).
 - 24 Flight (5).
 - 25 Follow (5).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Scream, 5 Rural, 8 Raven, 9 Aftain, 10 Civil, 11 Dares, 12 Pink, 13 Dopes, 14 Serene, 15 Eucras, 20 Esel, 22 Scum, 23 Super, 25 Habit, 26 Rotes, 27 Sarve, 28 Knole, 29 Elders, Down: 1 Stampede, 2 Bolnape, 3 Arid, 4 Manager, 5 Rerenda, 6 Aulic, 7 Aulic, 8 Perceive, 10 Stampede, 11 Bolnape, 12 Reserve, 13 Aulic, 14 Again, 24 Red.

Paris, Dec. 28. Tunisian Nationalists have formed a desert striking force, equipped with British, German and American arms, clothed in Italian and American uniforms and trained and supplied from secret bases in the Libyan Desert.

The equipment had been looted from the Allied and Axis World War II supply depots when the fighting swept backwards and forwards across North Africa and kept hidden by the Arabs ever since.

The main force is believed to be known now as the "Ferhat Hached Legion" after the Tunisian Nationalist Trades Union leader who was machine-gunned to death in his car outside Tunis recently.

Apparently the Nationalists are having little difficulty in recruiting their raiding forces. For the Libyan-Tunisian frontier has always been a natural frontier for untamed Arab raiders, Arab criminals on the run and for gun-smugglers. The dead bodies of 14 of the Nationalist Legionnaires which were recovered after a skirmish

showed them to be well equipped. They had fought under obviously well-trained officers.

The French Foreign Office is making a diplomatic protest to the Libyan authorities, asking their police force to stop the exiled Nationalist military build-up.

Already General Garbay, French commander in Tunisia, has ordered fighter and spotter planes and the whole of his southern desert forces into the Mareth Line area for full-scale action against the Nationalist Legion. And "bloody battles" are forecast.—London Express Service.

He was flying home for his first visit to Malta since he came to Britain 35 years ago.

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King Of Libya Greeted By Naguib



King Idris of Libya was greeted by General Naguib (right) and the Egyptian Regent, Prince Abdel Monem (centre), as he stepped from the royal train on arrival in Cairo recently. A royal salute of 21 guns was fired in honour of the visitor.—Express Photo.

Lancashire Gets Warning From U.S. Experts

London, Dec. 29. American experts warned the British cotton industry today that it must modernise itself to meet world conditions.

Ten American cotton men, who came here in 1951 to study the British industry, said in a report published today that more than twice the number of operative hours were required in a British spinning mill to produce a given amount of yarn compared with its American counterpart.

The American experts were returning a visit paid by British cotton men to the United States in 1949 under the auspices of the Anglo-American Council of Productivity.

Their report blames waste of labour caused by obsolete spinning methods.

Some Lancashire mills still used skilled labour to move and position materials, they said. This work in the United States was left to unskilled labour.

But criticism of methods is chiefly based on the lack of automatic looms in Lancashire. The Lancashire loom had remained fundamentally unchanged since the early days of power loom weaving.

The American team believed that automatic looms properly adjusted could produce fabric equal to fabric produced on non-automatic looms.

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• HOMESIDE PICTORIAL •



THE Duke of Edinburgh
receiving from Anne
Wellson gifts for Prince
Charles and Princess
Anne when he visited the
new town of Harlow, in
Essex. (Express)



LEFT: The new military vehicle, named The Champ, with its snort tube up and driven by a frogman - suited soldier, enters a deep tank during trials at Farnborough. The snort breathing tube can be collapsed alongside the bonnet. (Reuters photo)



BELOW: Captain G. W. R. Knight, the well-known naturalist and lecturer, and his equally famous golden eagle, "Mr. Ramshaw," pictured at Waterloo when they left by the Maurctania boat train en route for a lecture tour of the United States. (Central)



MR H. Davey, ex-telegraphist of Ealing, had a one-man show in part of the Post Office Art Exhibition. He is showing a spectator a guitar he made of pine, paduk, birds-eye maple and walnut. Besides the carved figures on the table, he also exhibited over 30 water colours.



WEARING a brown mink cap with a crown bauge and a brown wool baacaya, Mary Martin, star of the Drury Lane hit show, "South Pacific," waves goodbye to London from the Royal Albert Dock before she sailed for home. (Central)



RIGHT: Will Shakespeare (played by Francis J. Stanley) holds aloft the petition presented to the new Lord Mayor of London during the procession to the Law Courts. The petition asks the Lord Mayor to "receive, comfort and nurture" the project to build a Shakespearean Theatre in London. (Reuterphoto)



BRITAIN'S car racing champion, Stirling Moss, receives his cup for winning the over 3,000 cc closed car class and an award in the car beauty competition in the Daily Express National Motor Rally. (Express)

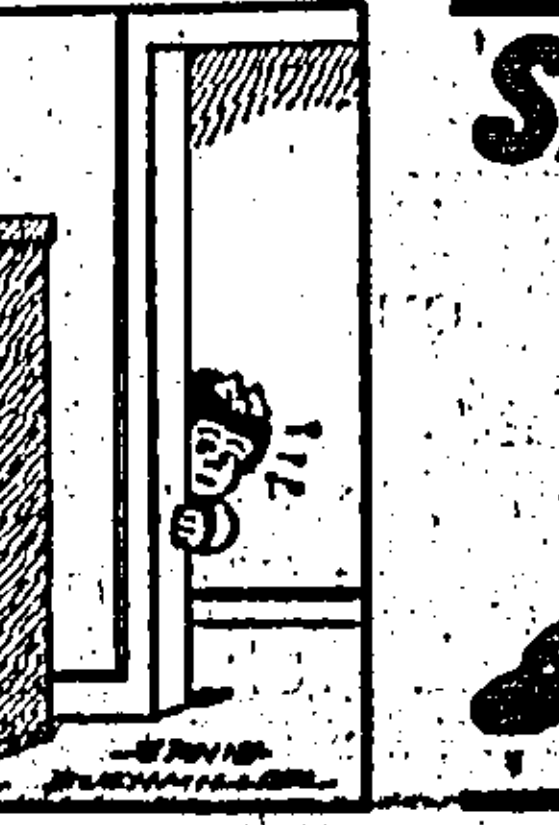


LEAVING his house at Richmond with his fourth bride is Earl Russell, the philosopher. He is 80. His bride, Miss Edith Finch, daughter of a New York lawyer, is in her fifties. (Express)



AT her home in East Molesey, radio, TV and film star Petula Clark gives a song at the piano to celebrate her 20th birthday. Smoky, her grey Persian cat, joins in a melodious meow.

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By Ernie Bushmiller

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SAINTS SHADE PANDAS 4-3 WITH A LAST INNING GRANDSLAM HOMER

As a fitting climax to this year's softball thrills, the Old Champion St. Joseph's snatched a last-inning 4-3 victory from the chagrined Pandas when George Saunders poled out a devastating grand slam home-run after two outs yesterday afternoon.

In the morning, Frank Poon's hapless CAA boys outlived the Braves seven to three, but had their bingles so well-scattered that they could only muster one single tally, losing 4-1 to the snappy Tribesmen.

The third Senior "A" Division match of the week-end saw the fighting Warriors take the US Navy boys to town with a comfortable 13-2 score.

Main curtailed many scheduled games over the week-end, with several teams in the other Divisions unable to field full sides of nine players for their game fixtures.

In the preliminary round of this season's International Series, the sleek-moving Chinese contingent registered a proud victory over the perennial Champions, Portugal, blanking the powerful Portuguese squad with a humiliating 3-0 shutout behind Jackie Wei's untouchable hurling.

In the other first round encounter Pakistan trounced the depleted Great Britain nine 12-2 to advance into the semi-final round.

FATAL FOURTH
Hurling fine, steady ball all the way, "Ping" Lam of the Chinese Athletics seemed headed for a rare no-hitter against the Braves till three straight hits in the fatal fourth ruined his and his team's hopes for a year-end upset.

The Tribe bunched their hits in the fourth inning, Carlos Yvanovich rapping out a double and being followed with gusto by Buji Dhabar's miffed triple and Manuel Gutierrez' bingle, to bring in three game-winning tallies.

The CAA boys even sprang an eye-opener on the unbelieving Braves, fishing up a snappy double-killing in the initial frame from deep down inside their skimpy bag of tricks.

"Ping" Lam attempted to win his own baggame by banging out three solid drives off Braves' hurler Chappie Remedios' in-curling slants, while battery-mate Harry Lee kept pace with a fine two in three batting performance.

Facing no more than 24 enemy batters in seven full innings, chucker Joey Franco racked up another easy win for the aggressive Warriors, humbling Uncle Sam's Navy team with a lopsided 13-2 score.

The free-swinging Navy boys could connect safely only twice, through Dymora and Wucher, manufacturing two lonely runs on their hits to avert a near shut-out defeat.

The Warriors nicked Navy hurler Duvall for four solid bingles in the first canto to rack up six back-breaking runs, and never looked back, tallying in every subsequent inning but the fifth.

First-sacker Charlie Scharrhorst was the only Warrior achieving the dubious honour of being credited with no hits in the game.

Versatile Ray Aldreger and Vic Vienna collected a pair of hits apiece, while clean-up man Hank Killean blasted out a three-base blow in the fourth frame.

HEART-BREAKER
The Pandas dropped a heart-breaker to Art Ozorio's mighty Saints after leading 3-0 right up to the disastrous final inning, when a clutch homer brought in four Saints' runs to deprive the Pandas of a game that was already all but in the bag.

A Panda run was scored in each of the first three innings, while the Saints were blanked by some masterly pitching by Jackie Wei and tight fielding till the very last frame.

Lead-off batter Jimmy Herick started things with a fine flourish by rapping out a clothesline drive to left to get on, scoring on successive sacrifices and infield outs by the following batters.

"Two-ton Lulu" drew a free base in the second and scored all the way from first when Harold Ong's drive to short was chucked wild at first.

Three straight hits in the third canto resulted in only one solitary Panda run. Veteran Y.S. Liang slashed out a hot rounder to third which got through Benny Omar, but was called out at first for taking off before the pitch.

Shortstop Wally Ma beat out an infield drive, for a hit, but was nailed at second on an attempted steal for the second out of the inning.

Big-stick Tim Wang then calmly strode up to the dish and clouted one into deep left for a two-putty blow.

Wang crossed the rubber into centre with a bobbled. This proved to be the last Panda run of the game, as the Saints clamped down for the subsequent innings to annul all further scoring threats.

St. Joseph's made threatening moves in the fifth when pinch-hitter Bimbi Abiong started off with a bat-breaking bingle over third base.

Arturo Ozorio fouled out and Benny Omar went down for the second out in sacrificing the runner to second.

Showboat All upset all calculations with a neat liner over Y.S. Liang's head to put runners on third and second with two away.

REDOUTABLE
Redoutable George Saunders then stepped into the batter's box, but Chinese star hurler Jackie Wei nonchalantly whiffed him with a trio of blazing pitches to extinguish the two-hits rally.

In their last turn at bat, Saints' blindsatcher Khan drew a walk, but was erased on a smooth-clicking catcher-to-shortstop tag-out at second.

Bimbi Abiong was issued a free base on balls and advanced to the keystone sack when out-fleeter A.Y. Liang drilled Art Ozorio's high fly to left for what proved to be the costliest error of the game.

Jackie Wei then zeroed in on the plate and sent Benny Omar back to the bench with a strike-out for the second down. All seemed to be smooth sailing from then on, though there were two runners on base. But Wei's sacks and bring slugging George Saunders up to the plate.

Saunders worked Jackie Wei for a full count to bring the tension to an almost unbearable point. Then leading 3-0, with the bases loaded, two down and a full count on the batter, Wei fed a fat pitch right across the middle of the plate.

George Saunders promptly perked the ball over the center fielder's head to clear the bases and home standing up with the winning run.

Dave Leonard grounded for a routine, anti-climatic third out, but the clutch grand slam homer had knocked all the light out of the stunned Pandas and their final turn at bat in rapid one-two-three order to give the Saints a truly memorable victory.

INTERNATIONAL SERIES
Playing brilliant ball straight out of the book, China scored a tight shutout win on Boxing Day to eliminate the powerful Portuguese team from this season's International series.

In the opening game, Pakistan ran rough-shod over a depleted Great Britain squad, winning easily with a lopsided 12-2 score.

Holding down the heavy stick-artists in the Britain line-up to three scattered hits, the Pakistan outfield from the very start and never looked back.

Pakistan marked up four big runs in the initial frame when four Pakistan batters wheeled free bases off the cold arm of Great Britain hurler Kelly Silva-Netto. Six errors grouped around one lone hit scored four runners.

Pakistan went further ahead in the second inning when lead-off man A.C. Ismail dropped the ball which the pitcher heaved wild to first. Ismail was sacrificed to scoring position, then mountainous Jindoo Hussain slugged the first pitch miles over the head of leftfielder Buji Dhabar for a two-run homer.

Britain could make no reply until the fourth inning when Gerald Van Langenberg was passed on four balls, stole a base and third in rapid succession and crossed the plate on Buji Dhabar's second hit of the game.

Heavy-hitting shortstop Dave Leonard and catcher Ignar Erikson were sorely missed from the British line-up, especially in the chaotic sixth inning, when erratic fielding allowed in four more Pakistan runs on not a single hit.

Great Britain mustered another tally in their final turn at bat when after two down, Bimbi Abiong received a life at first when third baseman Benny Omar chucked a wild one to the initial station.

The next batter was walked, then Jack Brown lined one into left to score Abiong from second. However, lean and lanky George Saunders grounded to shortstop for the last out of the game.

Winning Pakistani pitcher A.R. Salich of the hurling Rexes issued five walks, but allowed only three skippy hits, while Silva-Netto of Britain passed ten enemy batters on balls and was touched for four bingles, including one each by Benny Omar, A.R. Salich, as well as a two-bagger by G. Ebrahimi and Jindoo Hussain's second inning home-run.

CHINA V. PORTUGAL
The cold, raw wind seemed to affect pitching arms on Boxing Day with Chinese chucker Jackie Wei walking three batters in the very first inning to all the better.

However, he managed to mangle an out between the three walks to eliminate Portugal's scoring threat. If-born Nunes was unceremoniously fanned while Vic Pedruco fled out second base.

With the sacks chucked and two down, Joe Gutierrez lashed out a grounder to second base which Wally Ma scooped up and tossed to C.M. Tsang at first to end the inning.

In their big first inning, China started things in slam-bang fashion when lead-off man K.T. Leung drew a walk off Portuguese hurler Chappie Remedios and advanced to second when lanky Frankie Correa fumbled a fast pitch.

C.M. Tsang popped up for the first out on an attempted bunt, but veteran third baseman Y.S. Liang chopped the pill into the dirt and shortstop Joe Gutierrez heaved wildly at first base, allowing Leung to score all the way from second, while Y.S. Liang scuffled down to the keystone sack.

Liang reached the scoring perch at third base on another stumble by the catcher, then clean-up batter Wally Ma belted a grass-cutter into centre to push Liang across, Ma stretching his hip into a two-bagger to land safely on second in a flurry of dust.

He scored the third run of the inning and, incidentally, of the whole game, on a wild pitch as the two succeeding batters grounded out to third base.

Both pitchers then settled down to some masterly hurling and cut down opposing batters in rapid succession.

China threatened again in the third canto when C.M. Tsang beat out a bunt, then stole second on the next pitch. Y.S. Liang, who was named out to the pitcher, and first base guardian Ray Aldreger rifled the apple across the diamond to complete a scintillating double-play when Tsang attempted to make third base on the out.

ALL OUT
Portugal went all out to retaliate in the fourth frame, which Doc Gutierrez opened with a rousing drive to left, then being pushed down to second with a sacrifice bunt.

Hefly blindsatcher Red Pereira then drove a looping Texas-leaguer to short centre. Doc Gutierrez rounded third on the hit and slammed straight into home-plate flat on his back, but was nipped by an ultra-close margin by a penalty peg-in by centrefielder P.H. Lee.

The Portugal team again had two runners dying on base in the fifth canto when, after the first batter had fanned for the initial out, Bob Nunes slapped out a skipping grounder to third base to get on. He was erased on a complete steal down to second for the second out.

Third-sacker Manuel Gutierrez then got on a bad throw from third to first and reached scoring position at third when Vic Pedruco bloopered a twist-ling fly to rightfield.

With a vitaly-needed runs on third and second, dangerous hurler Spiky Gutierrez failed to come through with a clutch-hit, grounding out tamely to third base.

In their final time at bat, the Portuguese contingent sent in pinch-hitter Eddie Loureiro to beg a grand off chucker Jackie Wei. Loureiro did just that, but, fleet-footed as he is, was tagged out by a comfortably-large margin when he took off for the keystone sack.

This out seemed to take the heart out of the Portuguese squad, and the following two batters, though placed on the top of the batting-order, fled out to end the game to the noisy jubilation of the Chinese rooters.

MAGNIFICENT
Victorious Chinese pitcher Jackie Wei, although issuing six walks and allowing four hits, chucked a magnificent game, striking out three and bearing down hard in the clutch innings. A sterling performance by the Chinese outfield and infield helped him gain a great shutout triumph over the redoubtable Portugal squad.

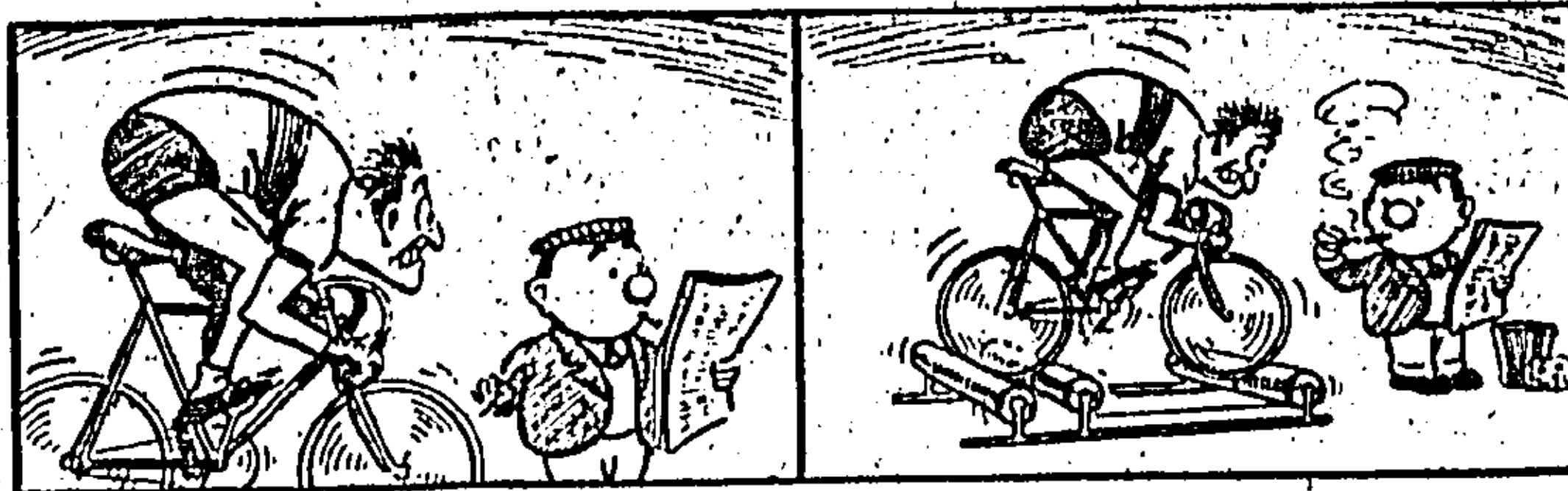
On the losing end, twirler Chappie Remedios outstayed his opposite number, issuing three walks, and was nipped for only two hits, one being a bunt-hit by first-sacker C.M. Tsang and the other a first inning clutch-double by keystone sacker Wally Ma.

For Portugal, Bob Nunes, Vic Pedruco, Doc Gutierrez and Red Pereira collected one hit apiece to oulthit the opposition four-two, but though bunting them two at a time in the vital second half of the game, sprinkling field-work by the Chinese boys erased every scoring threat.

By virtue of their respective wins over Britain and Portugal, the Pakistan and China teams have now advanced into the second round of the International Series, these semi-finals taking place during the coming Chinese New Year holidays, with Pakistan taking on the heavy-slugging USA squad while China will be slated to play against the Philippines.

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



Home Soccer Review

Fog Causes Postponement Of 11 League Matches

Widespread fog marked the end of the Christmas football programme causing the postponement of 11 League matches, four more than on Dec. 6 when similar conditions restricted sport in Britain.

The postponements meant that many clubs played only once over the holidays. As six of these were in the First Division, the fact that Tottenham were the only side in this division to complete a "double," loses some of its significance.

Another London side, Brentford, were the only team to win twice in the Second Division but by contrast the two Third Division clubs provided no fewer than nine clubs who gained full points.

Among these were Bristol Rovers, who scored their tenth successive League victory and established a club record of 20 matches without defeat when they beat Queens Park Rangers 2-1. They also increased their lead in the Southern section to seven points.

OLDHAM'S DOUBLE
Oldham gained ground in the Northern section by performing the double over Mansfield and they now hold a three-point advantage over Grimsby.

Though Tottenham, who added a 4-0 victory at Middlesbrough to their 7-1 success on Christmas Day, took most of the glory in the First Division, the team to benefit most from the holiday programme were their north London neighbours, Arsenal.

The home game with Bolton, whom they beat 6-4 away on Christmas Day, was one of those postponed. But their enforced idleness cost them nothing as both Wolverhampton and West Bromwich Albion were beaten. This left the Highbury Club in the happy position of being only two points behind the leaders with three games in hand.

League leaders Wolverhampton have not been showing championship form lately and have won only once in the last seven matches, though losing 5-2 at Sunderland they have a one-point lead over West Bromwich Albion, who after a thrilling 5-4 triumph at Sheffield yesterday were beaten by an only goal at home today.

RUN OF SIX
A run of six defeats forced Portsmouth to play Jack Froggatt now firmly established as England's centre-half in his old position on the left-wing for the home game against Derby. The move was partially successful for Froggatt scored Portsmouth's first goal in a 2-2 draw.

A bottom of the table struggle between Chelsea and Stoke ended in a division of points. This was the only match played in London but visibility was so bad that spectators could see little of the play on the opposite side of the ground.

The position at the top of the Second Division shows little change, for both Sheffield United, the leaders, and Huddersfield took three points from their two games.

Huddersfield were hard-pressed to hold on to a point against Swansea who have not won at home since Sept. 18. A goal in the last minute by Dave earned Huddersfield the draw.

One of the most unexpected results was Bury's 2-0 victory over Rotherham, who had over-run the same opposition 6-1 the previous day.

At Southampton, Fulham gained a two-goal lead in the first seven minutes but then

ITALIANS NOT COMING HERE

The HKITA has contacted the Italian Davis Cup team and invited them to play exhibition matches in Hongkong after their engagement in Manila.

A letter was received yesterday from the FAAF stating that Captain Bono of the Italian Davis Cup team regrets that it would not be possible for the team to play in Hongkong because they plan to be home with their families on New Year's Day.

There is, however, a possibility that the British Davis Cup player, Tony Mottram, the Wimbledon Cup player, Mrs. Tony Mottram and a young promising English player, C. Hamman, will play exhibition matches here sometime in February after their engagements in Manila and the Philippines.

HOME RUGGER

CARDIFF THE OUTSTANDING TEAM OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

London, Dec. 27.

Cardiff were the most outstanding team during the Christmas holiday Rugby Union programme. After decisively defeating Wasps, one of the better London clubs, on Boxing Day, Cardiff overcame the Scottish side Watsonians, by 29 points to three today.

The Welsh team owed much to their international half-back pair, Cliff Morgan and Rex Willis, who provided an excellent service for the three-quarters. B. Williams and Alan Carter found gaps in the Watsonians' defence and the visiting players were no match for the speedy Welshmen.

This was Watsonians' third successive defeat of their Welsh tour. They lost to Swansea on Christmas Day and were beaten by Newport on Boxing Day.

Universities Athletic Union, who are also touring Wales and the south-west, also met with defeat. They lost at Gloucester today in a game which was marred by bad visibility.

London Welsh could not regard their tour as a success after drawing at Neath on Christmas Day they lost to Llanelli on Boxing Day and Swansea today. Weak finishing spoiled London Welsh's chances to-day against Swansea.

In London the match between London Welsh and Blackheath at the Rectory field was cancelled because of fog, which also handicapped the match between Harlequins and Richmond, which the latter won.

The Scottish touring side, Fettesian and Loretians XV, beat Old Cranleighans at Thames Ditton.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIANS WIN

Paris, Dec. 27.

Australia made a fine second half recovery, after being three points down at half-time, to beat France 10-12 in the Rugby League International at the Parc des Princes here to-day.

Before a crowd of over 20,000, France established a lead of 10 points to seven in the first half, through most of which they kept on top of the Kangaroos. The

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